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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed September 23, 2003, Applicants elect Group I drawn to methods of separating nucleic acids. Applicants respectfully note the Examiner identified Group I as Claims 1-14 and 17-32, but believe Claim 15 was inadvertently omitted from this Group. Accordingly, Applicants request that Group I be identified as Claims 1-15 and 17-32. Moreover, Applicants election is made with traverse, believing that no serious burden exists to search for all methods and kits having a magnetizable cellulose component.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for substantive review on their merits. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5015.

Respectfully submitted,

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